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SUBJ: FORMER VICE FONMIN HOGEN COMMENTS ON SINO-JAPANESE
AVIATION AGREEMENT

REF: TOKYO 3282

1. FORMER VICE FONMIN HOGEN TOLD CHARGE MARCH 12 THAT
GOJ IS DETERMINED TO PUSH AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEK-
ING AND TAIWAN TO EARLY CONCLUSION AND DIET APPROVAL DUR-
ING CURRENT SESSION. HOGEN WAS FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC THAT
COMPROMISE COULD EMERGE WITH TAIWAN OVER TWO STICKING
POINTS: (A) CAL NAME ISSUE AND (B) CL GROUND SERVICES IN
JAPAN. HE SAID CANDIDLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY THAT GOJ'S
ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING WAS
PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO PUT PRESSURE ON TAIWAN TO CONCLUDE
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PRIVATE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN.

2. IN RELAXED CONVERSATION OVER TEA, HOGEN WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE HE AND TANAKA ADMINISTRATION PLACE ON ACHIEVEMENT OF CIVAIR AGREEMENT DURING THIS SESSION OF DIET. IN ADDITION TO IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR SURVIVAL OF TANAKA, HOGEN BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR JAPAN TO PERSEVERE IN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ALL SECONDARY COMMITMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PEKING IN 1971. HE NOTED THAT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ALL OF ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND OTHER AGREEMENTS ACCOMPANYING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH USSR IN 1956. HE SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO SAME WITH PRC. AFTER THESE ACTIONS, INCLUDING CIVAIR AGREEMENT, HAVE ALL BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, IT WILL BE TIME TO SEEK PEACE TREATY WITH PEKING. THEN, HOGEN SPECULATED, IT WOULD QTE BE INTERESTING UNQTE TO SEE EFFECT ON SOVIET UNION.

3. COMMENT: HOGEN'S REMAKRS ON STATUS OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS SUBSTANTIATE THOSE OF OGURA REPORTED REFTEL. VARIETY OF VIEWS BEING ADVANCED ON TWO STICKING POINTS ALSO SEEM TO US TO CONTAIN ELEMENTS FROM WHICH COMPROMISE COULD BE FASHIONED. HOGEN'S STRATEGIC RATIONALE, PARA 2 ABOVE, MAY REFLECT MORE HIS PERSONAL VISION OF FUTURE COURSE THAN THAT OF POLITICIANS WHO ARE PRAGMATICALLY BEDEVILLED BY COMPLEX DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS. IT NONETHELESS MAY BE RELATIVELY RARE GLIMPSE INTO POLICY PLANNING REALM IN GOJ THAT CONTAINS GREAT DEAL OF VALIDITY--NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF PERSONAL INFLUENCE OF HOGEN, HIS CONTINUED ACTIVE ROLE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND HIS PERSONAL TIES WITH PRESENT FINANCE MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDA.
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